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BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1
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OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY DMA/USPS-11 AND MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE THEREOF

The United States Postal Service hereby objects to interrogatory DMA/USPS-11, filed on November 25, 1997, and moves for late acceptance of this objection. Delay in addressing this interrogatory was caused by the temporary absence of personnel familiar with the matter requested therein.

The interrogatory seeks information relating to, and a copy of, a study comparing the compensation of nonbargaining, nonexempt postal employees with private sector compensation. Such information has no relevance to the issues in this case. Test year costs are estimated based on actual Postal Service compensation levels and any anticipated changes in those levels. Private sector compensation levels and the difference between those and the Postal Service's provide no useful information in evaluating the costs estimated in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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